estimated cost of Rs. 18.28 crore. The system is to be designed with capability of operation up to 6000 metres underwater and the project duration is 3 years.

Suburban Railway Network in Mumbai

2279. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any fresh initiative to strengthen, modernise and extend the suburban railway network in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects and progress achieved so far,a project-wise, with present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) has started functioning with effect from 29.04.2000. MRVC will execute Railway projects identified under Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP). The projects to be executed by the MRVC are given in Statement-I (*See* below) Some of them are already in progress. List of ongoing projects in Mumbai area and their likely date of completion are also given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Project to be executed by Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC)

1. 5th Line between Santa Cruz and Borivli on Western railway.
2. Additional pair of lines between Kurla and Thane
3. Additional pair of lines between Borivli and Bhayandar
4. Additional pair of lines between Bhayandar and Virar
5. Optimisation of WR including 12 car on through line
6. Optimisation of CR including 12 car on through line
7. Optimisation of Harbour line
8. DC-AC conversion
9. EMU Remanufacture
10. 5th Line on Kurla-Dadar-CSTM section
11. WR 6th line between Borivli and Santacruz

12. Western Railway 12 car rake on local line
13. Central Railway 12 car rake on local line
14. East-West Bandra-Kurla link

Statement-II

List of Ongoing Projects in Mumbai Area

S. No.	Name of the Project	Project Cost (in Crores of Rs.)	Likely Date of Project Completion
1	Thane-Turbhe-Narul/Vashi part of corridor No. 2 in Navi Mumbai	403.39	March, 2001
2	Belapur-Panvel double line including material modification	279:83	Commissioned
3	Seawood-Uran electrified line	495.44	Ph-I March 2003 Ph-II Not fixed
4	Kurla-thane 5th & 6th line, Phase-I upto Bhandup	97.39	March, 2002
5	Kurla-thane 5th & 6th line from Bhandup to Thane, Phase-II	56.79	March, 2002
6	5th line between Santacruz and Borivli	82.42	Dec. 2000
7	Quadrupling of Borivli-Virar	401.66	March, 2003
8	Automatic signalling between Virar and Dahanu Road	27.19	March, 2001

Arrival of V.I.P./V.V.I.P. at New Delhi Railway Station

†2280. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of V.I.Ps/V.V.I.Ps arriving at New Delhi Railway station every month;

(b) whether it is a fact that arrival of large number of V.I.Ps is affecting the running of trains and other functions;

(c) whether Railways propose to appoint a protocol officer to look after the V.I.Ps arriving at the staion; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the details of measures proposed to be taken by the Railways to remove the inconvenience caused to passengers due to arrival of V.I.Ps?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.